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27 September 1948

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Assistant General Counsel

Loss by Fire - [REDACTED]

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25X1A 1. Enclosed herewith is copy of a memorandum to this office from CSB, dated 2 September 1948, concerning the above subject. Attached to that copy are pertinent memoranda concerning the fire. CSB requests advice as to what could be done to reimburse the \$170.00 which [REDACTED] paid from his personal funds.

2. Previously, the undersigned had indicated to CSB that there would be no legal objection to handling this matter in a manner similar to claims which might be processed under Public Law 321, 80th Congress, First Session, approved 1 August 1947. This Act provides, in effect, that the General Accounting Office is authorized to relieve any disbursing or other accountable officer or agent of the United States Government charged with responsibility on account of fiscal loss or deficiency of Government funds. The Act provides that the head of the Department must determine that the loss occurred while such officer or agent was acting in the discharge of his official duties, or that such loss occurred by reason of the act or omission of a subordinate of such officer or agent, and, also, that such loss occurred without fault or negligence on the part of such officer or agent.

3. In view of the apparent security consideration, it would seem this case should be handled by preparation of an appropriate claim in memorandum form to be presented to the Director, CIA, for his determination. The determinations required by the Act probably could be made by ADSO. This office sees no legal objection to handling the case in such a manner provided the security considerations are present, and the Director approves the relief of the disbursing officer involved.

4. If you deem it necessary, we shall be available to assist in preparation of the necessary papers. A copy of this memorandum will be forwarded to CSB for their information.

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General Counsel: [REDACTED]

cc: CSB

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